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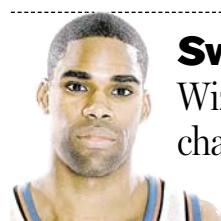
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Panel OKs Gates for Defense

IN FOCUS: Photographers aim their cameras at Robert M. Gates, President Bush's nominee to be the next secretary of defense, prior to his confirmation hearing on Tuesday. Gates won unanimous approval from the Senate Armed Services Committee after five hours of testimony. The full Senate could confirm him as early as Wednesday. ♦ **Frank talk:** Gates says U.S. isn't winning in Iraq | **Page 3**

DEVELOPMENT | Er, the Good Wall of China A Chinese construction company has been fined more than \$63,000 after building a highway through the Great Wall without permission, the Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported. Hongji Land-



bridge blasted away parts of the Wall in Inner Mongolia even though officials warned it not to. Authorities said the company also failed to check with the government before demolishing three ancient villages. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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New York Outlaws Trans Fat

City eateries must eliminate artery-clogging ingredient

NEW YORK | The Board of Health voted Tuesday to make New York the nation's first city to ban artery-clogging artificial trans fats at restaurants — from the corner pizzeria to high-end bakeries.

The board, which passed the ban unanimously, did give restaurants a slight break by relaxing what had been considered a tight deadline for compliance.

Restaurants will be barred from using most frying oils containing artificial trans fats by July and will have to eliminate the artificial trans fats from all of their foods by July 2008.

But Dan Fleshler, a spokesman for the National Restaurant Association, objected to the ban, calling it burdensome and unnecessary.

Trans fats are believed to be harmful because they contribute to heart disease by raising bad cholesterol and lowering good cholesterol at the same time. Some experts say that makes trans fats worse than saturated fat.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who banned smoking in bars and restaurants during his first term, has dismissed cries that New York is crossing a line by trying to legislate diets.

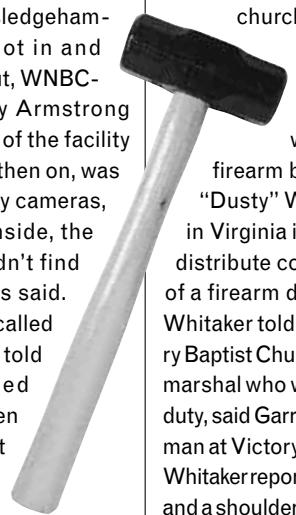
"Nobody wants to take away your french fries and hamburgers — I love those things, too," he said recently. "But if you can make them with something that is less damaging to your health, we should do that." SARA KUGLER (AP)

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RECOLLECTION

Now Where Did I Put That Hole in the Wall?

A man who had broke into a Fort Myers, Fla., post office with a sledgehammer forgot how he got in and couldn't find his way out, WNBC-TV reported. Anthony Armstrong broke through the wall of the facility with the tool and, from then on, was being filmed by security cameras, officials said. Once inside, the video shows, he couldn't find his way out, authorities said. Armstrong eventually called 911 in desperation and told authorities he needed their help after three men chased him into the post office. But police saw the sledgehammer and checked the security footage, discredited his story, and then arrested him. (EXPRESS)



SERMONS

I No Longer Use a Gun. Or My Brain

The pastor of a Mount Airy, N.C., church accused of brandishing a gun as part of his sermon is free on bond after being charged with possession of a firearm by a felon. Jerry Wayne "Dusty" Whitaker was convicted in Virginia in 1990 of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and possession of a firearm during drug trafficking. Whitaker told members of his Victory Baptist Church he was a retired U.S. marshal who was injured in the line of duty, said Garry Scearce, trustee chairman at Victory Baptist. In September, Whitaker reportedly brought a handgun and a shoulder holster to a service. "He was driving home his point," Scearce said. "He said he was no longer a pistol-toting U.S. marshal." (AP)



ENTREES

Gator-ate

"How is the loggerhead sea turtle this evening? Oh, would you recommend the humpback whale? Actually, I think I'll have this alligator-head dish." Such is the life of a waiter at the Huifu Fine-Food Restaurant in Huangshan, China. Even in this nation that offers what some consider unusual food, the restaurant is drawing attention with special menu offerings that include alligator kebabs and soup, complete with the endangered species' head — as shown in one dish Monday — and tail. (EXPRESS)

TEAMS

This Fish Is Growing on Me

A Derbyshire, England, man has broken his own record for catching the world's heaviest carp — by catching the same fish he set the previous record with, the Sun reported. After he originally set the record at a Bordeaux, France, lake, Gary Hughes was awarded a free return vacation. On that trip, he went fishing again and caught the 87-pound, 2-ounce fish, which had grown from the first time he caught it. (EXPRESS)



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A HEALTHY CHOICE: An annual report released Tuesday put Minnesota at the top of its health rankings for the fourth straight year, while concluding that the nation's health improved slightly.

Nation

In Brief

ATLANTA

State Senator's Wife Emerges, Won't Be Deported

A Georgia state senator's Colombia-born wife who went into hiding rather than face deportation turned herself in on Tuesday and was released when an immigration judge agreed to reopen her case. Sascha Herrera, 28, who had gone into hiding after the order was issued, emerged from the Martin Luther King Federal Building with husband, Sen. Curt Thompson, a Democrat who is a strong advocate of immigration rights. (AP)



Sascha Herrera, left, and Ga. state Sen. Curt Thompson enter the courthouse. (JOHN SPINK/AP)

WASHINGTON

FDA Study: Heart Stents Increase Risk of Blood Clots

Patients implanted with drug-coated stents to hold open their choked arteries face a small but significant risk of blood clots, health officials said Tuesday. A new study recommends they take clot-busting medications indefinitely. Growing concern about stents comes to a head this week when the Food and Drug Administration convenes a two-day meeting about the devices. (AP)

Gates: U.S. Not Winning War in Iraq

Confirmation all but certain after panel OKs Defense nominee

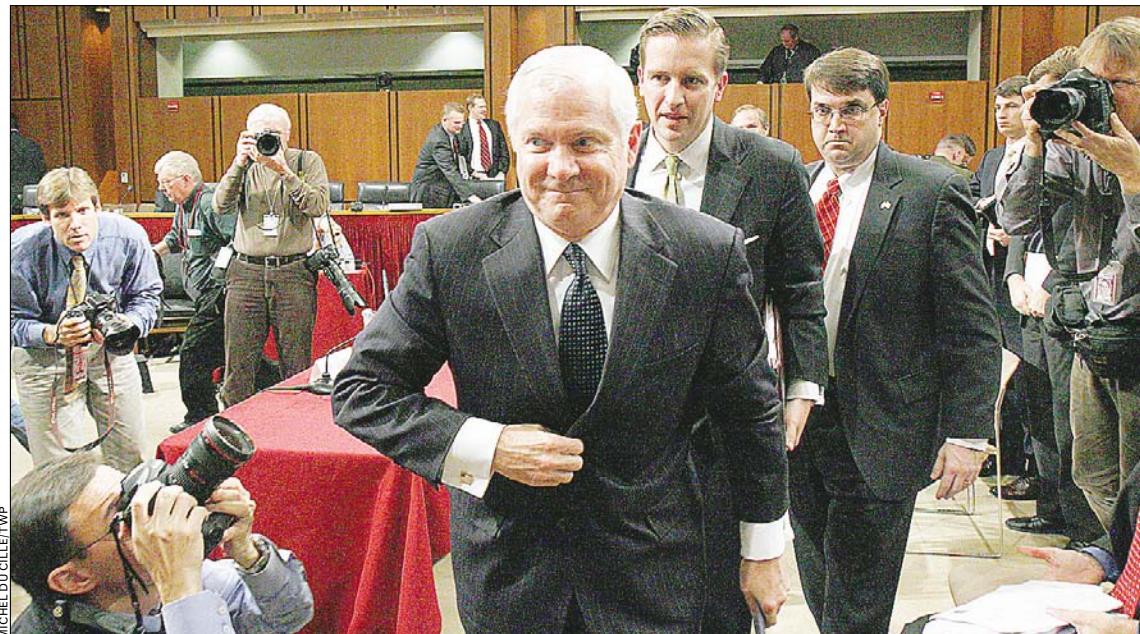
WASHINGTON | Robert Gates, seemingly clinching confirmation as the new secretary of defense, said Tuesday the United States is not winning in Iraq and he's confident President Bush will listen to his ideas about forging a new war strategy.

He won speedy and unanimous approval from the Senate Armed Services Committee after five hours of testimony, a bipartisan show of support that suggested how eager many lawmakers are to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld at the Pentagon. The full Senate could seal Gates' confirmation as early as Wednesday.

"In my view, all options are on the table, in terms of how we address this problem in Iraq," he told the committee.

But he also acknowledged the complexity of the challenge.

The senators voted 24-0 to support the nomination to replace



APPROVED: Robert Gates won the unanimous consent of a Senate panel Tuesday to become the next secretary of defense.

Rumsfeld, who has become a symbol of the Bush administration's steadfast course in a war that has long since soured with the public and much of the world.

During his appearance, Gates would not commit to any specific

new course of action in the conflict. He said he would consult first with commanders and others.

When asked directly by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., whether the U.S. is winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No, sir." That response appeared

to contradict Bush, who said at an Oct. 25 news conference, "Absolutely, we're winning."

Gates later said he believes the United States is neither winning nor losing, "at this point."

ROBERT BURNS (AP)

New Mothers' Mental Health at Risk

CHICAGO | New moms face increased risks for a variety of mental problems, not just postpartum depression, according to one of the largest studies of psychiatric illness after childbirth.

New dads aren't as vulnerable, probably because they don't experience

the same physical and social changes associated with having a baby, the researchers said.

The study, based on medical records of 2.3 million people over a 30-year period in Denmark, found that the first three months after women have their first baby is riski-

est, especially the first few weeks.

During the first 10 to 19 days, new mothers were seven times more likely to be hospitalized with some form of mental illness than women with older infants. Compared with women with no children, new mothers were four times more likely to be hospitalized with mental problems. (AP)

HEARSAY | IRAQ PANEL

"We're going to give it a careful review."

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THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, SPEAKING ABOUT THE IRAQ STUDY GROUP'S HIGHLY ANTICIPATED REPORT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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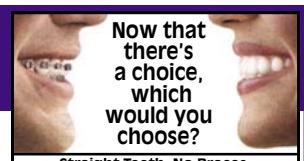
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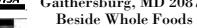
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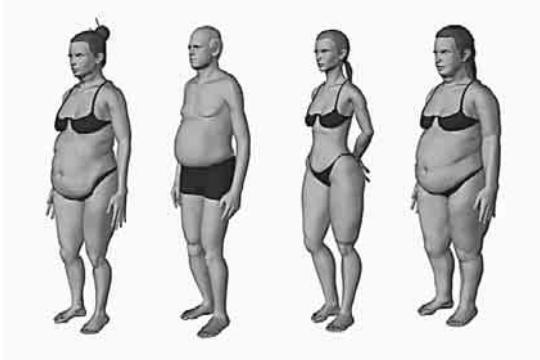
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The temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit, reached Tuesday in St. Louis, as nearly 190,000 residents of Missouri and Illinois waited for their power to be restored after last week's winter storm.

Intrepid Back on the Move

Freed from river mud, historic warship docks for overhaul in N.J.

NEW YORK | Finally pulled free of its muddy anchorage after 24 years as a military museum, the historic aircraft carrier USS Intrepid was on the move again Tuesday, sailing majestically through New York Harbor, bound for a long-awaited overhaul at a New Jersey shipyard.

Just getting the 36,000-ton ship to move was a triumph for Intrepid's owners and the tugboat operators, who had to quit a previous attempt on Nov. 6, when the carrier's rudder and four giant screws dug into the mud.

New Yorkers who have come to know the Intrepid as a popular tourist attraction drawing 700,000 visitors a year paused to watch from sidewalks, cars and skyscraper windows as the storied veteran of three wars inched away from its dock.

Escorted by a fireboat shooting streams of red, white and blue, the Intrepid paused at the World Trade



The USS Intrepid passes the Statue of Liberty on Tuesday while traveling along the Hudson River in New York en route to a New Jersey shipyard, where it docked.

Center site to unfurl a giant American flag in remembrance of the 2,749 people who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It then moved on, past the Statue of Liberty.

"This old baby is moving," a joyous Intrepid Foundation President Bill White said aboard the vessel.

Some crew members cried and gave each other high-fives and hugs. Onlookers ashore cheered.

The trip to the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne, N.J., took seven hours, including a lengthy stay in New York Harbor waiting for the river currents to change. (AP)

Ala. Mom, Boyfriend Held in Boy's Killing

Police to charge both after ruling stolen car report was a hoax

GADSDEN, ALA. | A mother's report that her 5-year-old son was asleep in the back of a car when it was stolen was a hoax, and she and her boyfriend will be charged with murder, authorities said Tuesday.

Geontae Glass's body was found Tuesday with the car in a residential garage, a day after the car was reported stolen.

Police were holding Shalinda Glass, 25, and Kevin Andre Towles, who is believed to own the house where the body was found, Sheriff James Hayes said.

Glass had reported Monday morning that her car was stolen from the parking lot of a convenience store in Albertville in neighboring Marshall



Etowah County Sheriff James Hayes discusses the Geontae Glass case.

County, about 80 miles northeast of Birmingham. Witnesses reported seeing a man get out of a pickup truck and get into the vehicle, then driving away while someone else drove off in the pickup truck.

It was not immediately clear whether the boy was dead at the time. Authorities said a cause of death was still being determined Tuesday. JAY REEVES (AP)

Court OKs Policy Favoring Hawaii Natives in School

SAN FRANCISCO | A private school in Hawaii can favor Hawaiian natives for admission as a means of giving a helping hand to a downtrodden indigenous population, a divided federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The decision by a 15-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned an earlier ruling by three of the same judges that the Kamehameha Schools policy amounted to unlawful discrimination.

In Tuesday's decision, the majority noted that the case was unique because Congress has singled out the plight of native Hawaiians for improvement, just as lawmakers have done with Alaskan natives and American Indians.

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World



SPACE FARE: Japan's space agency plans to cook up Japanese "space cuisine" for astronauts at the International Space Station. JAXA is developing the food after astronaut Soichi Noguchi slurped instant noodles in a pouch called "Space Ram" during his recent space shuttle mission.

Iraqi PM to Seek Regional Meeting

Al-Maliki shifts gears on gaining more input on Iraq's security crisis

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's prime minister reversed course Tuesday and said his envoys will talk with Iraq's neighbors about the possibility of a regional conference on quelling the violence here, despite opposition to the plan by some key political allies.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki made the announcement as more than 100 people were killed or found dead in and around Baghdad, underscoring the urgency of finding a solution to the bloodshed.

The U.S. military said three more American troops had died Monday — two as a result of



UNREST CONTINUES: A woman weeps over the body of a relative who was shot by unknown gunmen inside his shop in Baghdad's al-Amel neighborhood on Tuesday.

Richest 2% Wield Wealth Control

LONDON | The richest 2 percent of adults still own more than half of the world's household wealth, perpetuating a yawning global gap between rich and poor, according to research published Tuesday.

The report from the Helsinki-based World Institute for Development Economics Research shows that in 2000 the richest 1 percent

of adults — most of whom live in Europe or the U.S. — owned 40 percent of global assets.

The richest 10 percent of adults accounted for 85 percent of assets, the report said.

By contrast, the bottom 50 percent of the world's adult population owned barely 1 percent of the world's wealth. (AP)

Russia Limits British Inquiry Into Poisoning

Extradition ruled out for Russian suspects; questioning restricted

MOSCOW | The top prosecutor said Tuesday that Moscow will not extradite possible Russian suspects to Britain in the poisoning of the former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko and warned that British detectives would not be allowed to carry out interrogations in Russia.

Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika said that under Russian law, a Russian citizen who is accused of committing a crime abroad must face trial at home. "If they want to arrest citizens of the Russian Federation, it would be impossible because of the Russian Constitution," he told reporters.

Litvinenko, 43, died Nov. 23 in London, and toxicologists found the radioactive isotope polonium-210 in his body. On his deathbed, Litvinenko blamed President Vladimir Putin for the poisoning. The Kremlin has denied the accusations.

Putin met Tuesday with Italian Foreign Minister Massimo D'Alema,

insurgent attacks and one in a traffic accident.

Despite a string of ambushes, mortar attacks and bombings Tuesday, the chief U.S. military spokesman told reporters that all of Iraq would be under Baghdad's control by the fall of 2007, with U.S. soldiers and Marines and other coalition forces playing a supporting role.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, told reporters that his envoys would talk with other governments in the region, most of them Sunni-dominated, about how they might help establish security and stability in Iraq.

The prime minister's statement fell short of an unconditional call for a conference. Previously, Iraqi leaders have resisted suggestions they include outsiders in efforts to settle their bitter internal divisions. (AP)

In Brief



Soldiers set up a patrol at the home of Fijian Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase.

SUVA, FIJI

Military Launches Coup, Puts PM Under House Arrest

Fiji's military overthrew the government Tuesday after weeks of threats, locking down the capital and putting the prime minister under house arrest in the fourth coup in the South Pacific country in 19 years. The takeover, like the previous three coups, has its roots in the ethnic divide between the descendants of ancient Melanesian warrior tribes and those of Indian laborers brought by former colonial power Britain to work on sugar plantations. (AP)



Litvinenko Lugovoi

who had pledged to press Moscow about Litvinenko's poisoning, but neither man mentioned the case in his public remarks.

Chaika said his office would fully cooperate with a team of Scotland Yard investigators who arrived in Moscow on Monday.

However, he said that all figures in the case would be questioned by Russian prosecutors in the presence of the visiting British officers.

The prosecutor also confirmed that Andrei Lugovoi, a former Russian agent who met with Litvinenko in London on Nov. 1 — the day Litvinenko fell ill — has been hospitalized.

Lugovoi told the ITAR-Tass news agency that he was undergoing tests for possible radiation contamination. VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV (AP)

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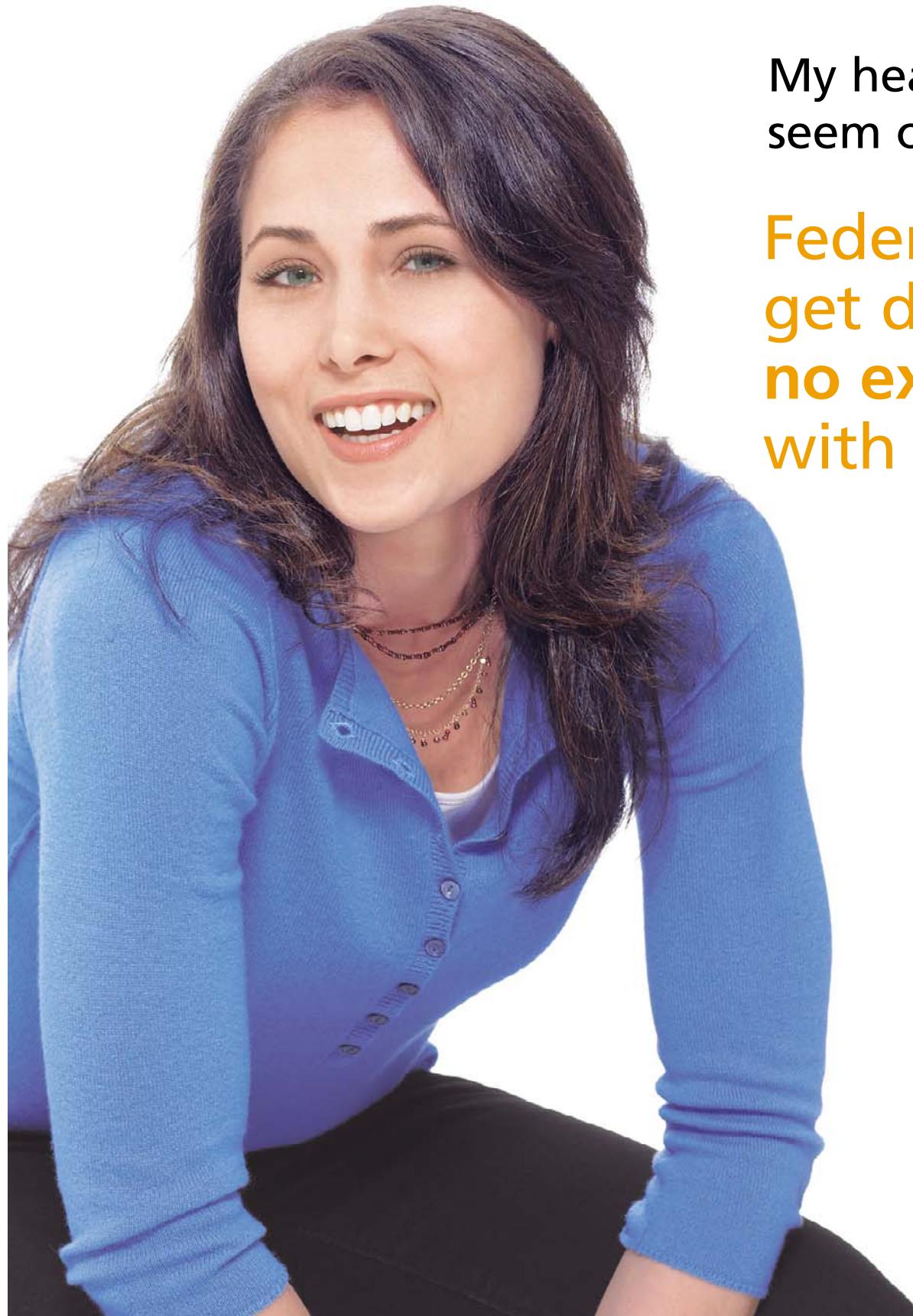
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The number of PlayStation 3 consoles stolen from a warehouse in Japan this week. A shipment of the popular gaming system had been left stacked outside the building.

World

Tensions High in Lebanon

Military warns it may not be able to control ongoing street protests

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Shiite Muslims on Tuesday buried a young man killed in street clashes in a Sunni Muslim neighborhood as Lebanon's army commander warned that the military may not be able to contain any further protests linked to the country's tense political standoff.

Army commander Gen. Michel Suleiman urged politicians to compromise, according to comments quoted by several Beirut newspapers.

After another night of unrest in the capital, Prime Minister Fuad Saniora also warned that the situation could get out of control. "No one can impose control on the streets and this has been proven," he told hundreds of supporters who converged throughout the day on his office complex, which is ringed by barbed wire, combat troops and riot police.

Outside, thousands of opposition protesters were gathered nearby Saniora's offices and in several other downtown squares in yet another evening of rallies aimed at bringing down the government. Many have been camped out near



FALLOUT: Two brothers of Ahmed Mahmoud, who was killed during street clashes between groups of Shiites and Sunnis, mourn over his coffin in Beirut on Tuesday.

In Pursuit of Power

→ Hezbollah has entered territory uncharted in its 24-year history, effectively seeking an unprecedented, decisive voice in Lebanese politics. | **Today, A Section**

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the prime minister's headquarters since Friday. In a new tactic Tuesday night, they aimed two powerful floodlights at the government complex. Troops installed more barbed wire and other fortifications.

Lebanon's political confronta-

tion breaks down on dangerous sectarian lines. The U.S.-backed government is supported largely by Sunnis, while the opposition — led by the pro-Syrian Hezbollah — enjoys wide support among Shiites. Lebanon's Christians are split between the two camps. Hezbollah is demanding the formation of a new government giving it and its allies a larger share of power.

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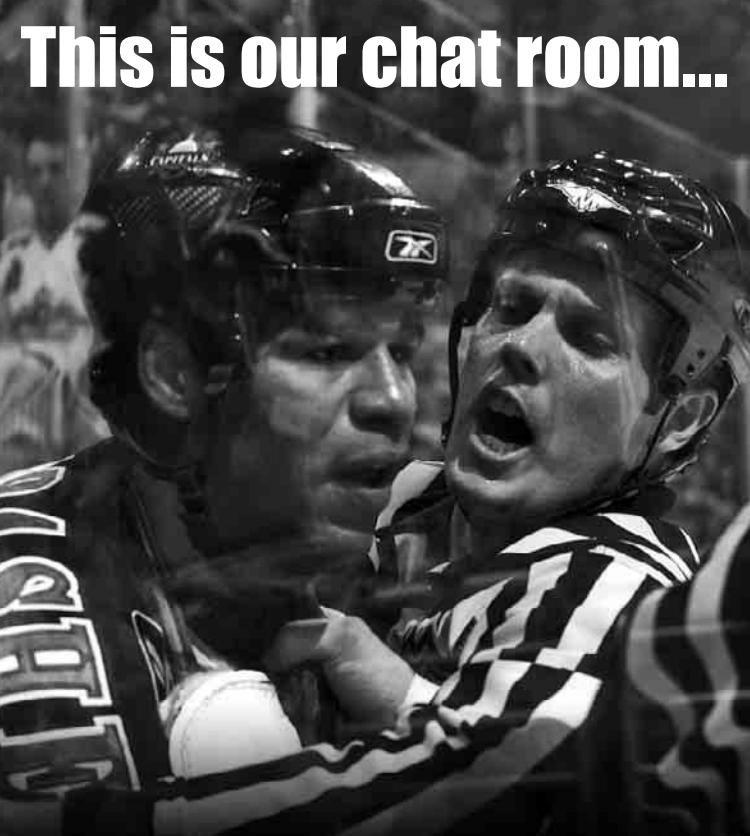


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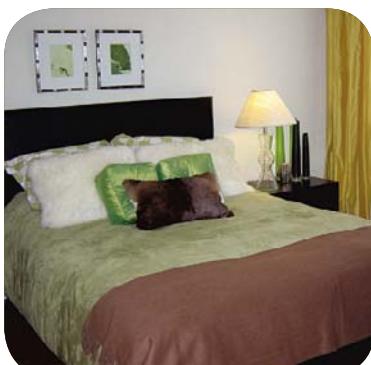
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TIME FOR A KNAPP: Steven Knapp, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Johns Hopkins University, has been named president of George Washington University. Knapp will take over Aug. 1, GWU said Tuesday.

Local



Officials remove stuffed toys from near the White House while investigating a suspicious package on Tuesday. RON EDMONDSON/AP

Green Building Bill Is Passed in D.C.

Washington would be 1st major city to make standards mandatory

WASHINGTON | Waterless urinals and recycled carpet could become common building features in the city under construction legislation passed Tuesday by the D.C. Council.

The bill, which is expected to be approved by Mayor Anthony Williams, would make Washington the first major city to require private developers to adhere to the standards of the U.S. Green Building Council. Even before the legislation, the District was already on track to open the nation's first green-certified stadium.

The bill requires all commercial

development of 50,000 square feet or more to meet the Green Building Council's standards starting in 2012. The requirement applies to both new construction and significant renovations of old buildings.

All city-owned commercial projects funded in 2008 or later would have to attain certification, and District-funded housing projects would

have to follow similar environmental standards. The bill also orders the mayor to adopt separate standards for schools — which the Green Building Council is now developing.

"I'm told that it's the most comprehensive green building legislation in the U.S.," said D.C. Council member Jim Graham, one of the bill's sponsors. SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Smithsonian Packs Rocky's Punch

Donated memorabilia to be included in new exhibition at museum

WASHINGTON | Rocky Balboa's boxing robe and gloves will share the same home as Dorothy's ruby red slippers, Abraham Lincoln's top hat and Thomas Edison's lightbulb.

Actor and director Sylvester Stallone on Tuesday donated memorabilia from his "Rocky" movies to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

"I was getting old, but I didn't think I would be with the dinosaurs so soon," Stallone said. "Actually, I'm really unbelievably overwhelmed."

Stallone, 60, wore the red and yellow boxing robe in 1976's "Rocky." He also donated a black hat and a pair of autographed boxing gloves from "Rocky II" and shoes and his red, white and blue boxing shorts from "Rocky III."

"These objects could not be better



Actor Sylvester Stallone, center, feigns boxing Tuesday with Smithsonian curator Dwight Bowers, left, and American History Museum director Brent Glass. AP



BY THE NUMBERS: A dump truck and a school bus carrying 13 children collided Tuesday in Wheaton, Md., but no one was seriously injured, authorities said. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, December 5

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-5-0
Mid-day DC 4	8-2-0-3

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Mid-day Pick 3	5-1-8
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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-8-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	7-1-2-5
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Money

Close Eye on Dollar's Slide

Strength of holiday sales could influence currency's next turn

NEW YORK | While you're out battling the crowds at the mall or shopping for hot toys this holiday season, what you're buying and how much of it could influence the dollar's future moves.

In addition to dictating the level of retailers' profits, sales volumes this Christmas could signal whether consumers once again are riding to the rescue of an economy that is showing signs of slowing dramatically. And that may have great sway over what the Federal Reserve decides to do with interest rates in the months ahead.

That matters for the dollar, since its recent plunge largely has been



Whether holiday sales soar or slump could also impact interest rate moves.

sparked by fears that investors will cash out of dollar-denominated assets as U.S. rates decline.

For most of this year, the dollar's slide has been overshadowed by bigger market news: the rally that boosted major stock indexes to levels not seen since the dot-com boom and the retreat in oil prices from the highs seen over the summer.

In recent weeks, however, the slumping dollar has become harder to ignore. The greenback has plunged to its lowest level in 20 months against the euro and is at 14-year lows against the British pound.

Should the shopping season turn out a bust, the Fed might see that as a sign of consumer fatigue and choose to cut rates in an attempt to stimulate growth. That could hurt the dollar.

Should sales top expectations, rates may remain steady or go up to contain inflation. That could support the dollar.

Still, it's important to note that Fed actions don't always correlate with the dollar's every move. Most important, the inflationary risks that come from the slumping dollar can't be ignored. RACHEL BECK (AP)

MySpace to Rout Out Sex Offenders

NEW YORK | MySpace, the popular online hangout that has drawn complaints about sexual predators and other dangers to teens, said Tuesday it will develop technologies to help block convicted sex offenders.

MySpace is partnering with Sentinel Tech Holding Corp. to build a database containing names, physical descriptions and other identifi-

able details on sex offenders in the U.S. The News Corp. site, however, stopped short of adopting Sentinel's technology for verifying the ages and identities of its users.

The database "will allow us to aggregate all publicly available sex offender databases into a real-time searchable form, making it easy to cross-reference and remove known

registered sex offenders from the MySpace community," Hemanshu Nigam, MySpace's chief security officer, said in a statement.

Parents, teachers and police have become increasingly worried about dangers teens can encounter at social-networking sites. The aim of such sites is for users to expand their circles of friends — and critics say those circles sometimes include predators. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Bandg A	49.87	+11.85	+31.2
IvanhM g	11.18	+1.59	+16.6
Amrep	101.41	+13.42	+15.3
Bandag	50.50	+5.46	+12.1
HavertyA	15.74	+1.67	+11.9

Losers

Centene	24.30	-2.64	-9.8
SabnR	50.23	-4.56	-8.3
RetailVent	18.00	-1.28	-6.6
BldrG&Fd	9.96	-.59	-5.6
vjGrace	17.20	-.80	-4.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	.5065	.5051	.5740
Fed Funds close	5.1875	5.25	Canadian Dollar	1.1411	1.1414
3-month disc	4.86	4.90	European Euro	.7503	.8482
2-year	4.52	4.52	Japanese Yen	114.81	115.35
10-year	4.45	4.44	Mexican Peso	10.8581	10.9394
30-year	4.58	4.55	Taiwanese Dollar	32.31	33.48

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MTM Tech	2.50	+.95	+61.3
FoodTcs	3.03	+.87	+40.3
Telestone	6.39	+1.30	+25.5
DirectGen	20.50	+3.99	+24.2
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Losers

Nastech	16.20	-2.99	-15.6
MechTch	2.40	-.40	-14.3
Taitron	2.20	-.30	-12.0
GigaMed	8.86	-.94	-9.6
AdvLSci	2.15	-.22	-9.3

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5065	.5051	.5740
Canadian Dollar	1.1411	1.1414	1.1572
European Euro	.7503	.8482	
Japanese Yen	114.81	115.35	120.79
Mexican Peso	10.8581	10.9394	10.4730
Taiwanese Dollar	32.31	33.48	

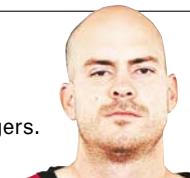
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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Comc sp	41.52	+.86	+61.6
DiracTV	23.15	+.35	+64.0
Disney	34.20	+.76	+42.7
EchoStar	37.49	+.50	+37.9
McGrW	67.09	-.05	+29.9
NewsCpA	21.04	+.01	+35.3
NewsCpB	21.97	+.07	+32.3
Omnicom	104.66	+.71	+22.9
Thomson	43.03	-.03	+24.4
TimeWarn	20.56	+.09	+17.9
ViacomB	38.33	-.25	-6.9
WPP Gp	67.90	+.77	+25.7

SAVING FACE: Tampa Bay kicker Matt Bryant's 27-yard field goal as time expired in a 20-3 loss to Pittsburgh was the first game-ending kick to break up an NFL shutout in 73 years. In 1933, Pittsburgh kicked a 21-yard field goal on the last play to secure a 3-3 tie with the Brooklyn Dodgers.



Sports

Road Trips Could Always Be Worse

And for the Wizards, who are 0-8 away from home, they often are

WIZARDS | It's been a tale of two teams for the Washington Wizards this year.

At Verizon Center, the team can play with anyone — as it showed once again Monday night in snapping the Dallas Mavericks' 12-game winning streak.

Star guard Gilbert Arenas looks like the Gilbert Arenas of old at home, too. He's averaging more than 33 points a game. Not coincidentally, Washington is 7-2 defending its court.

As forward Antawn Jamison summed up after Friday's easy win over the Charlotte Bobcats, "The problem hasn't been at home."

Indeed, the Dr. Jekyll version of the Wizards (7-10) turns into Mr. Hyde once they leave District lines. The results aren't pretty.

Heading into Wednesday's game at New York, Washington is off to a franchise-worst 0-8 start on the road.

At first, the results were understandable. Three-point losses at Cleveland and Orlando began the road woes. From there, the internal pressure seems to have mount-



Antawn Jamison drives to the hoop during Monday's home win against the Mavericks. Washington is still winless on the road.

ROAD WOE-RRIORS
Obviously, a team that is 7-2 at home but 0-8 on the road has some away-game problems:

- The Wizards shoot 48 percent from the field at home and 40 percent on the road.
- Their three-point percentage drops from 39 percent to 24.
- The team's scoring average drops from 110.6 points per game at home to 88.3 on the road.
- At home, the Wizards average 22.8 assists per game, compared with just 15.1 in away games.
- Star guard Gilbert Arenas seems to be the most affected. His minutes (40.2 to 35.5), points (33.7 to 17.6) and shooting percentage (50 to 28) all drop.

compared with his 141 points on the road is the second greatest disparity ever for an NBA player in that same stretch.

But it's not just Arenas. As a whole, the Wizards, whose average field-goal percentage is near 46 percent, shoot just 40 percent on the road.

"It's all mental," Jamison said. "We've got to get mentally tougher. Once we get mentally tougher, we'll play better."

If they don't Wednesday, there's always another chance to snap the skid Friday in Philadelphia.

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

Heisman Favorite Isn't Looking Back

Ohio State QB Smith wants to get through one more big game

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Having come so far in such short time, Troy Smith knows he can't rest now.

There is one more game in his college career, one more chance to show a lot of people they were wrong about him, one more chance to prove he's not just a football player — he's a quarterback.

The chance to win a Heisman Trophy this weekend is just another step along the way.

"This is the beginning of the end, but no one is looking at it like that," he said, referring to No. 1 Ohio



Troy Smith has had one of the best seasons ever for an Ohio State quarterback. State's Jan. 8 date with Florida in the national championship game. "Everyone on the team is focused on finishing out the season. We're

ed and the team has cracked more often than not.

Among the Wizards' road losses this year are a 20-point blowout by the same Knicks who they'll face Wednesday night and a 27-point thrashing last month by Monday's victims, the Mavericks.

The last two defeats were by 15 at Memphis and 18 at Chicago.

Most perplexing in the sea of losses is Arenas' play. His 33-point average at home shrinks to 17.6 away. According to Elias Sports Bureau, Arenas' 265 points at home in the team's first eight home games

NASCAR Takes Viewers Into the Car

AUTO RACING | The sport that already offers unprecedented fan access is going one step further in 2007, allowing DirecTV viewers to watch an entire NASCAR race from behind the wheel.

NASCAR HotPass will debut

on DirecTV at the Daytona 500 in February and offer fans at home the opportunity to watch a race from a driver's vantage point. Subscribers will have access to five channels dedicated to individual drivers, who will change every week. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7:30 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Wizards are still looking for their first win on the road. The last time they played the lowly Knicks in New York, Washington shot 31 percent from the field and lost 102-82.

BASKETBALL (9 P.M. ON ESPN) In other NBA action, the Philadelphia 76ers travel to Chicago to play the Bulls.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN, 7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN2) You know it's college basketball season when you get a slate of games like this one: Villanova at Oklahoma, Holy Cross at Duke and Memphis at Tennessee.

SOCCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Manchester United hosts SL Benfica in Champions League play.

getting ready to play on the biggest stage and I know we'll be ready."

Smith has a 25-2 record as a starter at Ohio State. His numbers suggest he may be the best at his position in school history — a record 30 touchdown passes and 67 percent completion rate this season with only five interceptions.

Now Smith, largely considered the favorite to win football's top individual honor, is looking forward to bringing a special guest to Saturday's Heisman announcement.

"Just taking my mother to a situation where she's never been is great," he said. "Neither of us has been to New York."

He doesn't want to leave empty-handed, either. RUSTY MILLER (AP)



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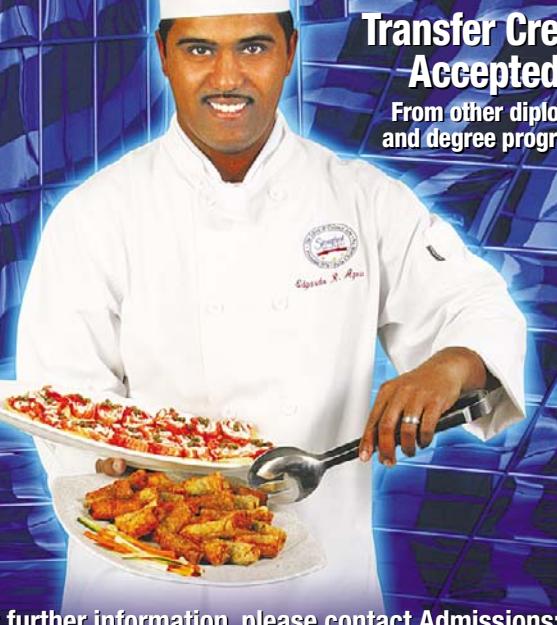
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"If anybody's waiting for me to apologize and they're holding their breath, then I suggest they call a paramedic because it's not going to happen." —Giants DE Michael Strahan, who confronted a reporter and blamed the media last week for focusing on his comments about struggling WR Plaxico Burress.



Sports

Caps Find an Unlikely 2nd Scorer

Pettinger's hard-nosed style is different from most talented scorers

CAPITALS | Alex Ovechkin is a marked man, and Alexander Semin, Dainius Zubrus and Richard Zednik are talented but streaky, with each facing scoring droughts, injury or both.

Enter winger Matt Pettinger, whose pedigree is hard-working western Canadian rather than stylishly skating Eastern European, but whose recent nose for the net has given the Washington Capitals the second scoring threat they desperately need.

In his seventh year with the club, Pettinger was lauded last season for a relentless, energetic style of play and a career-high 20 goals. That success was rewarded with a spot



Matt Pettinger beats Dallas goalie Mike Smith for a second-period goal in the Caps' 4-3 win last week. Pettinger already has eight goals and six assists this season.

on Canada's IIHF World Championship team and a new three-year contract from the Caps, forging the confidence that coach Glen Hanlon said helps a player like Pettinger take the next step in his development.

"It just sort of makes him look and say, 'You know, I'm a darn good player,'" Hanlon said.

This fall, Pettinger, 26, has unveiled a more mature game, demonstrating a veteran finisher's poise. He has eight goals and six assists in just 19 games (after missing the first three weeks of the season with a shoulder injury) and scored three in last week's wins over Tampa Bay and Dallas. The Caps (11-9-6) host Ottawa (14-12-1) tonight.

"Matt is the type of player who's becoming more and more comfortable in his role as a leader and offensive player," Hanlon said, adding

that Pettinger "could win the lottery of \$25 million and he wouldn't change his work ethic."

Pettinger said ice time has been the major difference. Last season, he played a major role with a young, rebuilding team rather than a bit part on a more veteran squad.

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I think it takes some experience," he said. "Flying around and hitting guys, that's what I had to do to stay here, and I still think that's an important part of my game. But obviously playing a lot more you get a lot more touches and with that comes confidence." **BRIAN STRAUS**

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Sports

In NFC, Average Is Playoff Material

Four teams with .500 records are vying for the 2 wild card berths

FOOTBALL | Going .500 gets fans upset, coaches in trouble and players released.

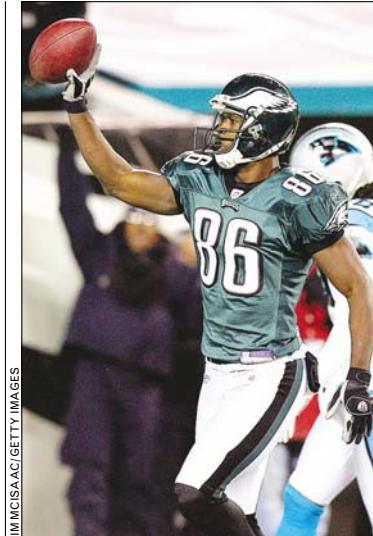
Except in this year's NFC, where a break-even mark is looking playoff-worthy. And a winning record makes you a Super Bowl contender.

When the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Carolina Panthers on Monday night, it created a four-way logjam for the two NFC wild-card berths between those teams, the New York Giants and Atlanta — all at 6-6.

So while teams possibly headed for 10 wins in the AFC are wondering if it will be enough to get them into the Super Bowl chase, mediocrity — not parity — in the other conference might well be rewarded with a trip to the postseason.

"Well, it's a crazy year, so anything is possible," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We're just taking it one week at a time; we're not going to worry too much about getting into the playoffs or anything else."

History usually hasn't been kind



Reggie Brown celebrates a touchdown in the Eagles' (6-6) win over the Panthers.

to .500 teams. Since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978, seven 8-8 clubs reached the postseason, with the 1985 Cleveland Browns actually winning the AFC Central. The other six were wild cards.

But recent history has been more positive for such posers, with two 8-8s making it in 1999 (Dallas and Detroit) and two more in 2004 (Minnesota and St. Louis).

BARRY WILNER (AP)

Klinsmann, President Of U.S. Soccer Talking

SOCCER | Juergen Klinsmann and the U.S. Soccer Federation are likely to know within a week whether their talks will lead to a deal for him to become coach of the American national team, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said Tuesday.



Klinsmann

Klinsmann and USSF president Sunil Gulati have held lengthy discussions about the possibility of the former German star forward succeeding Bruce Arena, who coached

the team for 7 1/2 years and was let go by Gulati after the World Cup. No deal has been agreed to yet, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because talks are ongoing.

Gulati's goal in the summer was to hire a coach by late November, but he said in October that a decision might not happen until December.

Klinsmann, who lives in Newport Beach, Calif., led Germany to the World Cup semifinals last summer in his first professional coaching job, then quit after the tournament. RONALD BLUM (AP)

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Former Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. talks with reporters at winter meetings.

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Ripken: I'm Not A Judge

Former O's star dodges questions on steroids, McGwire's induction

BASEBALL | Cal Ripken Jr. doesn't want the steroid scandal that has tarnished Mark McGwire's Hall of Fame chances to do the same to his own inevitable induction.

"The Hall of Fame run, it should be a celebration of the player's career," Ripken said Tuesday. "I hope, if that happens with me, that it would be a celebration."

A two-time MVP who played in 2,632 consecutive games to break Lou Gehrig's record streak, Ripken is considered a certain first-ballot inductee. Tony Gwynn is also on the ballot and considered a lock for induction when the ballots are counted in early January.

So was McGwire, back when he hit 70 homers in 1998 to break Roger Maris' single-season record; the former Oakland and St. Louis first baseman finished with 583 home runs, seventh on the all-time list. But his refusal to answer questions about steroid use during a congressional hearing last year has tarnished his career and his candidacy.

On Tuesday, Ripken dodged questions about McGwire.

"I'm curious, but I don't feel that I'm in a position to judge," he said. "History will judge us all in some way." JIMMY GOLEN (AP)

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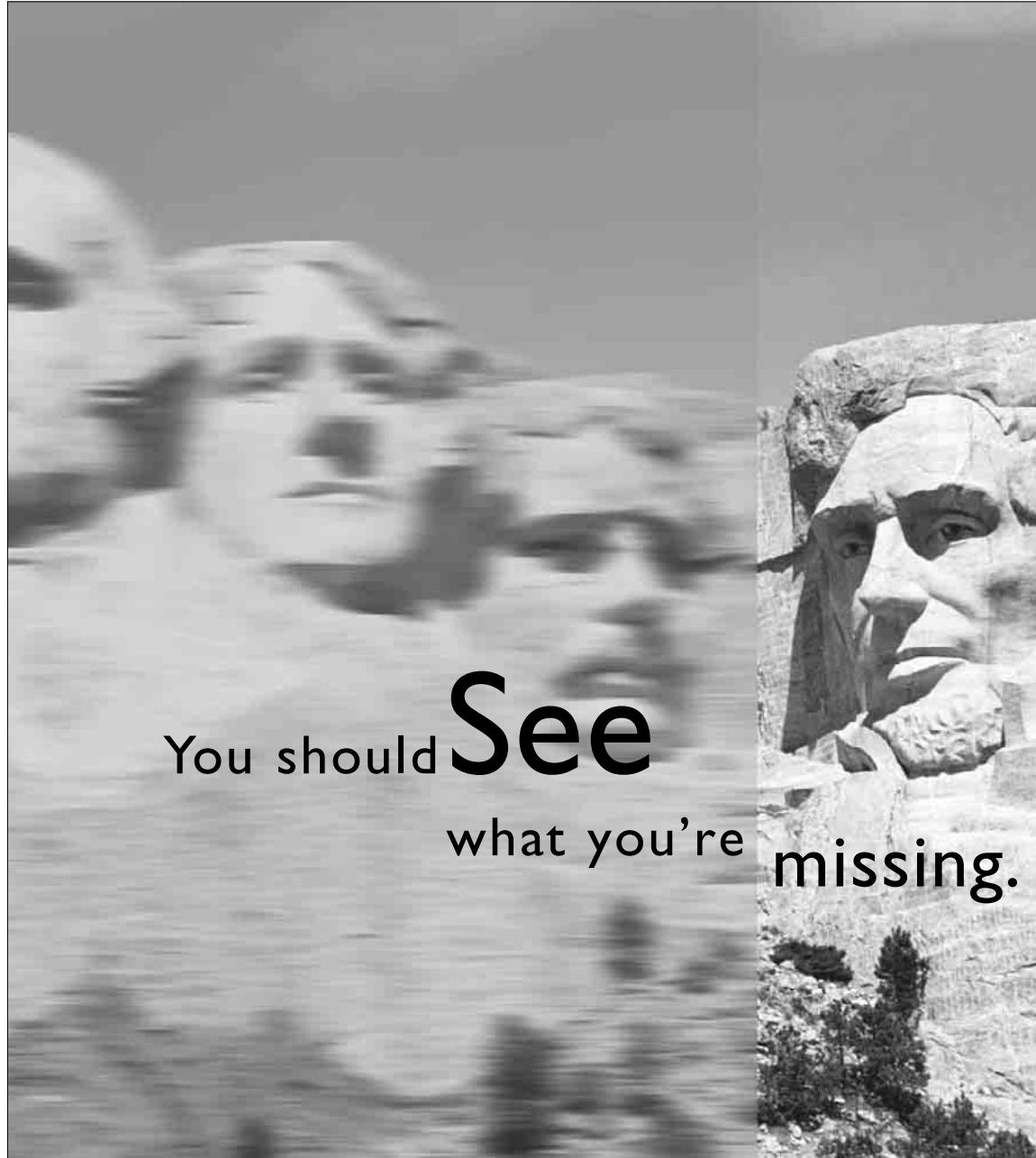
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All across China, countless buildings and entire neighborhoods have been buried and built over in a dash toward modernity — the one-two punch of revolutionary communism and robber capitalism.

At some point, I became fascinated with the preserved old city of Lijiang, near the borders of Myanmar and Tibet. Nicknamed the Oriental Venice for the canals that weave through its maze of footpaths and narrow streets, the city spent much of the past 800 years as the center of the Naxi Kingdom. Once a major trading post on the southern Silk Road, Lijiang slipped away from the modern world. By the 1950s, when Russian historian Peter Goullart needed a title for his book about the region, "Forgotten Kingdom" seemed like an apt choice.

An army of white tile and gray concrete surrounds the old city. Phalanxes of shoe shops, banks and cell phone dealers are shoulder to shoulder. Taxis, trucks, bicycles and rickshaws scuttle back and forth.

The ancient city was in there somewhere, a gem wrapped in grit,



Heilongtan Park sits undisturbed in Lijiang, a city dating back some 800 years. The tourism industry is taking over the city, which became a World Heritage Site in 1997.

The ancient city was in there somewhere, a gem wrapped in grit.

like a pearl in reverse. Sure enough, once I broke past the last packed corner shop and honking driver, the bedlam fell away. A walkway widened into a cobblestone plaza where children played. I strolled along twin canals, which eventually split and disappeared behind low houses.

The preservation of Lijiang was more accidental than planned. During ancient times, the city lay on the far, forgotten frontier of the Chinese empire. Distant from the capital, it was of little strategic importance. Consequently, Lijiang is one of China's only ancient cities not to have a city wall.

In 1997, UNESCO declared the city a World Heritage Site. Since then, business owners and town planners have conformed to strict guidelines concerning restoration and new construction in the designated zone. The upgraded status has also brought hordes of domestic tourists. Whenever I ventured along the central streets of the old city, I ran into gaggle of camera-trussed Chinese.

I wondered why I had been disappointed by the sight of Lijiang's ugly new city and all the tourists. Why had I expected any Chinese city — or anywhere, for that matter — to remain unchanged? I'm happy that Lijiang's old town is being preserved, but that very preservation is what's drawing tourists, who by their presence are changing the city and how it functions. It's a double-edged sword that slices deep into so many conservation efforts.

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Entertainment



FIGHTING FOR DIGNITY: On "The Wire," Andre Royo plays the homeless junkie and police informant Bubbles with grace.

Game of Honor

Andre Royo brings humanity to his junkie role on 'The Wire'

TV | Walking back to his trailer while shooting the first season of "The Wire," Andre Royo was still in character as the homeless junkie and informant Bubbles — face scarred, hair a craggy black mess — when a real junkie approached with what

Royo calls his "Street Oscar."

"He said, 'Yo, you need this, man. You look like you need a hit,'" recalls Royo. "I laughed a little bit and I got emotional. I was like, 'Wow, he thinks I'm a junkie for real.' I felt validated."

On Sunday, Bubbles serves as an unusual reservoir of humanity as "The Wire" airs the fourth season's finale (HBO, 10 p.m.). Bubbles has long been one of the show's most

moral characters, captivating in his struggle to fight addiction and hopelessness on a show that revolves around futility.

This season has focused on a handful of young teenagers in West Baltimore's broken school system. The final episodes find various characters fighting for the futures of the kids — and none is more affecting than Bubs' unlikely mentoring of a homeless boy.

Bubbles' emotional scenes represent a climax for both the character and Royo, who has taken a role originally meant for just seven episodes and made it one of the show's most popular. But as always on "The Wire" — be it politics, police bureaucracy or the code of the street — Royo's acting career has been a long road of playing "the game."

Royo, whose father is Cuban, was often told he wasn't "black enough for the black roles" or "Spanish enough for the Spanish roles." But he landed the part of Bubbles for the pilot of "The Wire" — not that he thought it was a big break at the time. The dense plot and lack of standard cop show action made Royo think "The Wire" didn't have a chance.

Like so much of "The Wire," the character of Bubbles was taken directly from the street. Ed Burns, who helped create the show with David Simon (a former Baltimore journalist) and writes many of the episodes, was a Baltimore police officer for years (later becoming a schoolteacher). For 15 years, Bubbles was one of his best informants. "In his prime, whatever happened in West Baltimore, he knew about," Burns says of the real Bubbles, who died of AIDS in the late '80s. "There's a lot of honor in the game."

Burns credits the appeal of Bubbles to Royo's sympathetic portrayal. "It's this feeling of loss that you have when you see a human being with such potential trapped in this world. He's more of our conscience," he says. "You can feel comfortable writing anything for [Royo]. You know he can reach it." JAKE COYLE (AP)

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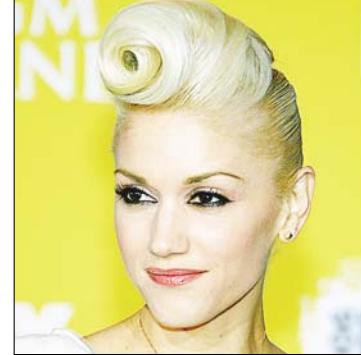
Gwen Stefani makes mindless music on 'The Sweet Escape'

MUSIC | On her 2004 solo debut, "Love. Angel. Music. Baby," Gwen Stefani mined '80s pop, a love of Japanese culture, a bit of funk and kitschy cool to make an effervescent album chock full of mindless fun.

On her new album, "The Sweet Escape," she gets even more mindless — but, unfortunately, it's not

nearly as fun. Perhaps buoyed by the success of odd songs like "Hollaback Girl," Stefani has taken kitsch to a new level on her sophomore LP.

"Don't get it twisted, don't get clever, this is the craziest ... ever," Stefani croons in "Don't Get It Twisted." But just because it's crazy and daring doesn't mean it's something you'd want to listen to. Too often the album comes off like a tortured trip inside a musical funhouse — trippy and exhilarating at times, but after a while, just



STYLE OVERLOAD: Gwen Stefani genre-hops all over "The Sweet Escape."

plain annoying. A prime example is the first single. On "Wind It Up," she mixes the yodeling from "The Sound of Music" with whirring bass sounds from the Neptunes.

There are some bright moments. She teams up with Akon for the title track, a perfect pop song. "Now That You Got It" is a sexy R&B taunt from Swizz Beatz. She also links with her No Doubt buddy Tony Kanal for the solid tracks "4 in the Morning" and "Fluorescent."



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AMC SELECT

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13) 4:40, 7:40
MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13) 4:10, 7:20
THE QUEEN (PG13) 5:00, 7:50

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NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VAN WILDER: THE RISE OF TAJ (R) ✓ 2:25, 4:25, 5:25, 7:45, 10:10
TURISTAS (R) ✓ 2:00, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00, 10:20
DECK THE HALLS (PG) 12:20, 2:55
DEJA VU (PG13) 1:20, 3:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15
THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) 2:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:50
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 3:20, 6:20, 9:25
HAPPY FEET (PG) 12:45, 3:15, 6:15, 9:00
FLUSHED AWAY (PG) 12:15, 2:25, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45
THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:45

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THE NATIVITY STORY (PG) 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:25
BOBBY (R) 1:00, 3:45

LOEWS DUPONT 5

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FAST FOOD NATION (R) 4:50, 7:10
COPYING BEETHOVEN (PG13) 4:40, 7:10
FUR: AN IMAGINARY PORTRAIT OF DIANE ARBUS (R) 4:30
THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 7:20
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 5:10, 7:40

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BOBBY (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

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BOBBY (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

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THE FOUNTAIN (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

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THE NATIVITY STORY (PG) ✓ 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
BOBBY (R) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13) 5:30, 7:35, 9:35

LOEWS COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VAN WILDER: THE RISE OF TAJ (R) ✓ 4:50, 7:20, 9:40

TURISTAS (R) ✓ 5:10, 7:30, 9:55

DEJA VU (PG13) 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:00

CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 4:35, 7:35

HAPPY FEET (PG) 4:45, 7:15

FLUSHED AWAY (PG) 4:40, 7:00

THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 4:30, 7:05, 9:20

SAW III (R) 5:00, 7:20

THE NATIVITY STORY (PG) ✓ 5:10, 7:25, 9:50

BOBBY (R) 5:15, 7:05, 9:50

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13) 5:30, 7:35, 9:35

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

BABEL (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

COPYING BEETHOVEN (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50

SHUT UP & SING (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50

THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:20, 3:30, 7:00, 9:10

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:20

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TURISTAS (R) ✓ 5:10, 7:45

DECK THE HALLS (PG) 5:20, 7:45

DECK THE HALLS (PG) ☐ 5:20, 7:45

CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 5:00, 8:00

FLUSHED AWAY (PG) 5:50, 8:00

THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G) 5:30, 8:15

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DEJA VU (PG13) 4:25, 7:15

CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 3:10, 6:30

HAPPY FEET (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:15

BORAT (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15

BABEL (R) 3:00, 7:00

AMC SELECT

BOBBY (R) 3:00, 7:00

Television

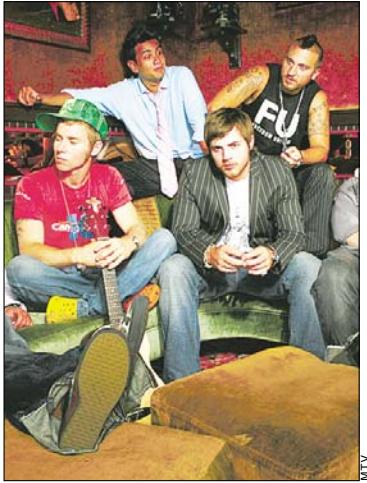


AND LENO STILL STINKS: David Letterman isn't going anywhere. CBS signed the late-night funnyman to a contract to stay on the air until at least 2010. Letterman is expected to make somewhere north of \$30 million a year. (AP)

Reality Still Bites

'Twentyfourseven' is the latest brain-dead MTV reality show

NEW FAKE STARS | The new documentary series "Twentyfourseven" (10:30 p.m., MTV) follows seven young friends as they try to succeed in Hollywood. But don't go looking for a rags-to-riches story here. By any measure, these guys already seem well set. They have their run of clubs, throw hideously expensive parties and front their own rock 'n' roll bands. One guy has already produced and directed his own film. And, this being MTV, they are all



PRETTY VACANT: The cast of “Twenty-fourseven” and their empty beauty.

pretty photogenic.

The whole point of this exercise is to sell a young audience on these guys as “the players” of the future. This is pure product placement with humans as the product. It’s all rather sad — a variation on “Entourage” without any laughs.

If any "star" emerges from "Twentyfourseven," it will probably be Cipes, the hippy musician discovered playing on the streets of Venice Beach. He talks like a man-child and spouts New Age nonsense. He seems to keep a baby snake in his hair, even in the shower. We shall see whether this eccentric or his band, Cipes and the People, becomes the next big thing, or whether Cipes is a fly-by-night player in a 21st-century revival of "Hollywood Squares."

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ON TV TONIGHT

REAL-LIFE HOMER

THE KING OF QUEENS (8 p.m., CBS) returns, and two episodes air tonight. In the first "King," Carrie (Leah Remini) asks Doug (Kevin James) to find a lucrative place for their tax refund. And true to his cartoon character, he invests in an ice-cream truck. This is interesting, given that only last week, Homer Simpson, a real cartoon character, took a similar career path.

MAKE A 'BREAK'

Hopper takes a hostage on **DAY BREAK**
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HER LENS SEES DEAD PEOPLE

Allison's camera yields ghostly imagery on **MEDIUM** (10 p.m., NBC).

DO-GOODERS OR BUMS?

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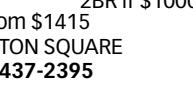
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A Daring Young Man

Performance

A trapeze artist's revolutionary new troupe flies high

In his father's day, a triple or quadruple somersault was the most daring feat a trapeze artist could do. But after Cirque du Soleil gained fame with its theatics and contortions, George Caceres decided the number of rotations in flight was not as exciting as the number of people flying in sync.

Caceres followed his family into the mid-air somersault business when he was 5, touring the world and performing for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Now 28, he has revived his Colombian-born father's troupe

with Cirque du Soleil's finesse holding precedence over his Ringling roots.

Instead of just swinging from one trapeze to another in a straight line, Caceres choreographed a routine that sends his troupe vertically and diagonally across a custom-made rigging, with as many as four of the seven members flying at the same time.

He freely credits Cirque du Soleil's resident production "La Nouba" in Orlando as his inspiration for a new circus act, but insists it's not a copy of that performance. "They have 13 men. I have half as many people to do the act with, plus I have women. They have one girl; I have five," he said.

The new Flying Caceres practiced in Sarasota, Fla., for a year before booking their first performance earlier this month at a circus festival in Grenoble, France.

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STEVE NEESUS/AP

FLY GIRLS: The Flying Caceres have five female members, unusual in the field.

Many flying trapeze acts consist of extended families that have performed together for generations. Unlike George and Krizia Caceres, who are third-generation circus performers, the troupe's five other

members first learned the flying trapeze at Club Med resorts or circus-themed camps and had no industry ties. The troupe had to prove they were trained professionals offering a fresh perspective, not just a group

of wannabes, Balch said.

With five women, the Flying Caceres also breaks the male-dominated flying trapeze tradition.

"A lot of people who do this have no faith in girls performing. They say, 'Girls are not strong enough,'" said Elena Egorova, whose parents were circus performers in Russia.

On the strength of a home-made DVD showcasing their act, complete with the skintight white costumes hand-sewn by Krizia Caceres, the troupe secured two contracts for after the Grenoble festival: a five-week stint with the Gran Circo Mundial in Spain, then a longer stretch back in France with Cirque Arlette Gruss.

Some older performers say the circus' shift toward the theatrical is the latest attempt to attract a new audience.

Flying trapeze artists maintain the tradition of going for the most daring trick, but they also cloak simpler moves in drama, said Norma Fox, who as "La Norma" once spun with a trapeze bar clamped between her teeth. "They turn it in more slow motion, turn it a little sexier."

Miguel Caceres' goal when he started the Flying Caceres in 1982 was to push the limits of the human body in flight. His son pushes those limits with more panache, he said. "It's more complicated. There's more excitement, more action in the air," said Miguel Caceres. "Today, it's not really how much you do up there, it's really how you do it."

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Business

Starbucks gift cards have been a surprising success

If there are eight people in line at a typical Starbucks, chances are one of them paid up before even setting foot in the store.

In the five years since the Seattle-based coffee retailer launched its Starbucks Card, it has become a fixture in the wallets of millions of loyal customers. It has also emerged as one of the company's most heavily promoted and hottest-selling holiday gift items.

Most major retailers have been offering gift and loyalty cards for years, but industry observers say few have seen so many of their customers hang on to them as long, use them as often and reload them as regularly as they do at Starbucks.

"It's unique in the sense that most retailers aren't the kind where you have that everyday purchase," said

“It’s a lot easier to use the card when you don’t have cash and you feel like an idiot putting \$2 on your credit card.”

ERIK CARELS
STARBUCKS CARD USER

Scott Krugman, spokesman for the National Retail Federation.

During last year's holiday shopping season, customers activated a record 15 million cards that raked in nearly \$170 million once they were redeemed, accounting for 12 percent of the company's North American revenue that quarter.

"The card has exceeded our expectations, absolutely," said Sandra Stark, Starbucks' director of marketing program management. "We knew it would be a great program. We had no idea that we would reach 12 percent of tender."

Almost one in eight customers



KEVIN CASEY/AP

Few gift cards are reloaded and reused as much as Starbucks gift cards.

pays with a Starbucks card these days, Stark noted. About 96 million Starbucks cards have been activated in the United States and Canada since November 2001, and customers have reloaded their cards about

38.6 million times.

Gift cards used to be frowned upon as the last-ditch choice of only those who couldn't be bothered with putting any thought into the presents they got their loved ones. But in

recent years, they've become more popular as gift givers and recipients alike have embraced the notion that it can be nice to give people the option of choosing their own presents.

"It's just such a home run not to have to pick out something for someone, which they're going to end up returning in 40 percent of the cases," said Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Davidowitz & Associates Inc., a retail consulting and investment banking firm.

"It's a lot easier to use the card when you don't have cash and you feel like an idiot putting \$2 on your credit card," Erik Carels, 34, said after using his Starbucks card in Seattle.

Companies cannot claim the money loaded onto their cards as revenue until a customer redeems it toward an actual purchase. They can, however, earn interest on unredeemed card balances, though Starbucks wouldn't disclose how much.

Jeff Phillips, who's used his Starbucks card regularly for years, wonders why the company doesn't offer card holders more perks, like a free latte for every 10 purchased. "These guys are so successful, they probably don't feel like they want to give things away," said Phillips, 35. "A lot of companies fall very short on that." ELIZABETH M. GILLESPIE (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny and breezy	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny and breezy	Partly sunny, a snow shower; colder	Mostly sunny and not as cold	Plenty of sunshine

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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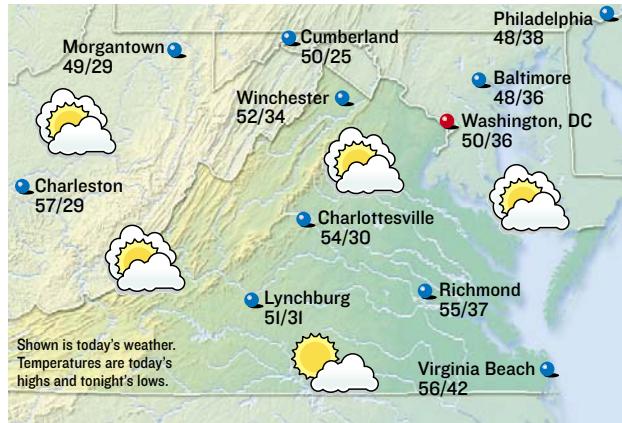
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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	42°
Low	28°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	35°
Average humidity	41%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.06"
Normal month to date	0.50"
Year to date	46.27"
Last year to date	41.43"
Normal year to date	36.80"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, not as cold. High

53. Wind south-southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 36.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:12 a.m.

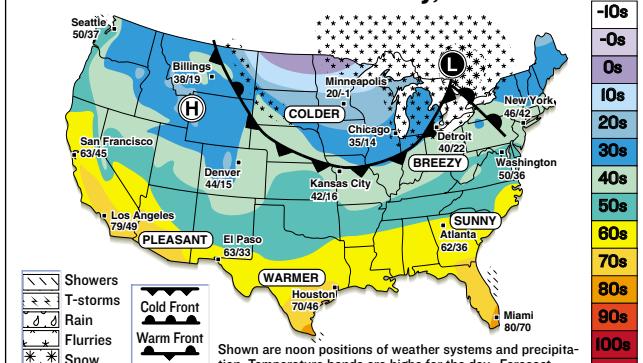
Sunset tonight 4:46 p.m.

Moonrise today 6:09 p.m.

Moonset today 9:10 a.m.

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National Weather for Wednesday, December 6



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	62/36/s	50/20/pc	Amsterdam	52/44/sh	48/45/r
Boston	42/38/pc	48/31/pc	Athens	62/46/pc	63/46/pc
Chicago	35/14/c	18/12/c	Berlin	52/38/sh	48/41/pc
Dallas	61/37/pc	52/22/s	Buenos Aires	81/63/pc	81/64/pc
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Orlando	73/56/pc	71/44/pc	Sydney	78/65/sh	76/67/pc
Seattle	50/37/pc	47/36/pc	Tokyo	53/44/s	54/43/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

LOOK out



Array in a Manger

Nativity scenes need an image makeover. While there's nothing wrong with bland, photo-realistic ceramics (why is Joseph always blond when he would have been Semitic?) or Precious Moments figurines, they're not for everyone. These four creative crèches (especially the one with the dogs) put very different spins on the original Christmas story. (EXPRESS)

HOLIDAY HOT LIST

1) The Magi might not make much sense post-Epiphany, but the rest of Haba's 44-piece, beechwood crèche has year-round play value. Baby Jesus is a little large compared with Mom and Dad, but since when has Christmas known any sense of scale? Not pictured: A herd of sheep, more cows, some shepherds, an angel and more. (ages 3 and up, \$45, amazon.com)

2) It's made of banana fiber by a Congolese refugee, and it's so tiny King Herod will never find it. The diminutive stature—the tallest piece is about 3 inches—makes it less suitable for families with young kids, however. Not pictured: a shepherd. (\$56, National Cathedral Museum Store, Massachusetts and Wisconsin avenues NW; 202-537-6267; shop.cathedral.org)

3) For those people who have "God spelled backwards is Dog" bumper stickers: Big Sky Carvers' Dogtivity scene. And it will totally complement one of C. M. Coolidge's classic renderings of dogs playing poker (pick up "A Friend in Need" at allposters.com). Unveil this masterpiece with a double feature of "All Dogs Go to Heaven" and "Oh, Heavenly Dog!" Not pictured: a second angel. (\$80, giftcorral.com)

4) While Gel Gems might look like gummy candies, they sadly are neither edible nor tasty. They're awfully pretty, though, especially when light shines through them. And they stick to most flat surfaces, from windows to fridges to cars. (Spread the good news to the heathen stuck behind you in traffic.) Jesus is a bit spry for a newborn, though—he seems about to take flight. Not pictured: a camel, another cow and an angel. (\$25, shop.cathedral.org)

Beauty



Get What You Pay For

We all have our choke points when it comes to money. Some mock the \$17 mascara, some shell out \$200 for moisturizer. **L'OR DE VIE: LA CRÈME** (\$320, Saks Fifth Avenue) costs serious cash, but offers serious quality. Just a tiny dot of the stuff, made from Sauvignon grapevines from the Chateau d'Yquem in Bordeaux, provides the creamiest, most nourishing sensation this tester's face has ever felt. Within days, skin looked smoother, brighter and healthier than it ever had—and that's "ever" as in "ever."

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Mix It Up a Little

Remember the chemistry course you loved to skip ... er ... hated to miss? Class is back in session with MD Skincare's **INTENSE HYDRA MASK** (\$60, Sephora), a veritable chemistry set unto itself. Mix up a toxic-smelling cocktail with the included bowl, brush, gel and powder, then apply. Add water to produce a glorious heating effect. Ten minutes and one rinse later, our tester's insanely dry visage was moist and smooth. The acid gel and the heating mask allow skin to hold more water, causing faces to appear younger and hydrated. QUAND ROBINSON (EXPRESS)

Lookout Online

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How About Ghanaian Food?

FOOD | On Tuesday, Express asked readers to submit suggestions about kinds of cuisine they'd like to see sidewalk vendors offer in D.C. Officials are now considering a vendor expansion, and a survey of residents and workers indicated that a majority want a greater variety of culinary offerings.

Responses ranged from Korean barbecue to "anything with meat." And then there was a request for Ghanaian treats like waakye (rice and beans), fish and black shito (a spicy pepper sauce). Now that's something different. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

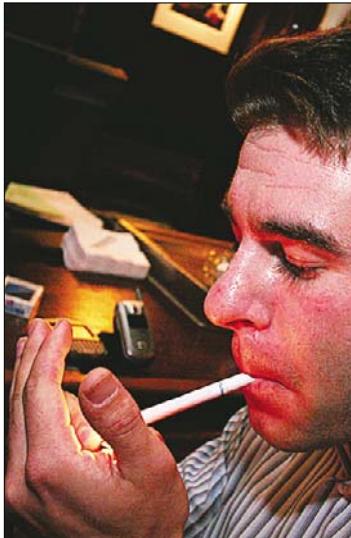
Most Want Smoking Ban

POLL CENTER | For Tuesday's Poll Center question, Express asked

opinions about the ban on smoking in District bars and restaurants that will go into effect in January.

Commenter Guy is among the ban's proponents: "I'm planning on increasing my visits to D.C. from Virginia because the bars will be smoke-free. For me, at least, the competitive advantage has now been given to D.C. Before [that], I simply limited my trips to bars or would go early before the smoke got disgustingly thick."

Commenter John took it a step further: "I am glad we will be able to go out and not have to deal with other people's nasty habits. I can't believe people do not support a person's right to breath without worry. Those of us with strong wills and a



SMOKE OUT: A majority of people are looking forward to a smoke-free D.C.

regard for other people should not have to deal with the weak-willed individuals who cannot control themselves. Smoking in front of a [non]smoker is the same as peeing in someone's shoe."

Some smokers, however, didn't appreciate the idea of getting kicked out into the cold. "I don't care if you shove me in some little side room that has an exhaust fan. Fine. Just don't shove me out in sub-freezing temps," commenter DC said. "Is it so much to ask that I am allowed to be warm while I give myself lung cancer?"

Commenter AUA took issue with the ban's timing, among other things: "Forcing smokers outside starting in the coldest month of the year. ... Could there be more of a smack in the face? Of all the decisions that have been made in their pursuit of the ban, this is the most illustrative of the Council's lack of consideration of the most basic of issues involved with the ban as written." M.G.

Coming Up Today

Who is Steven Knapp? We'll take a closer look at George Washington University's newly named president and fundraiser in chief.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should Robert Gates be confirmed as defense secretary?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Are you looking forward to the D.C. smoking ban?

YES **NO**

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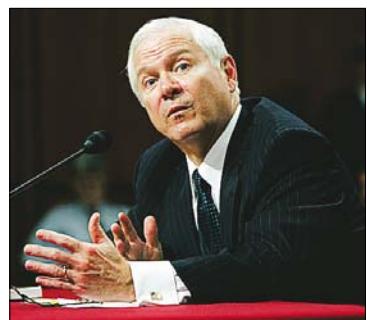
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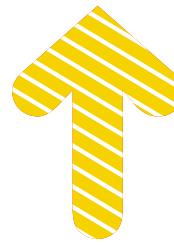
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Live Online

'Blood Diamond'

Director ED ZWICK was online Tuesday at washingtonpost.com to discuss "Blood Diamond," starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Djimon Hounsou in pursuit of a rare diamond in South Africa.

How long did it take for Leonardo DiCaprio to mimic the South African

accent? Did he have a vocal coach? Leo worked with a very talented dialect coach. His name is Tim Monich — who once taught at Julliard. He also spent a lot of time hanging out with former mercenaries, soldiers and smugglers. He claims they drank copious amounts of Jaegermeister.

How much of what you hear from audiences in test screenings do you end up using to re-cut your movies before their official release? My grandma attended a test screening of "Blood Diamond" in Chicago. She enjoyed seeing the guy get killed by



the shovel, but she thought the film ran a tad long.

My feeling about test screenings has less to do with specific comments (unless they seem overwhelmingly unanimous) than it does with the feeling you get just sitting in a crowded theater. You're right about the first test screening in Chicago. We, too, felt it was a bit long and we trimmed about 10 minutes. And tell your grandma I liked the bit with the shovel, too.

Why do Hollywood feature films, supposedly about events significant to other cultures, so often make the typical Hollywood type leading man the primary, pivotal character such as in the movies "Glory" and "Cry Freedom"?

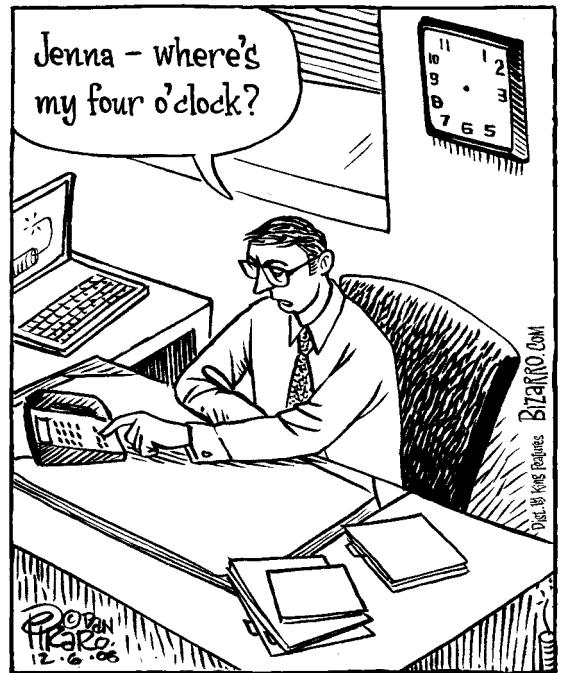
I'd have to take exception to your statement when it comes to this particular film. I feel that Solomon Vandy's story (played by Djimon Hounsou) is equal to that of Danny Archer (played by DiCaprio). Not only is the Mende man the moral center of the film, [but] he also begins and ends the story. The tale of a good man trying to keep his family together amid the chaos of war is a universal one and not limited to race or ethnicity.



ETRANSITION WITH ADRIAN FENTY. Fenty is preparing to be the city's next mayor, and he wants you to come along for the ride. At Fentytransition.org, get news of upcoming events and read related blogs that are all a part of what he calls an "eTransition" ("shudder"). Plan to attend a cyber town hall meeting!



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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Even the best-laid plans can go awry—and you'll learn how to make the best of it when something goes wrong. Trust your instincts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be compelled to involve yourself in someone else's affairs—not because you can help but because there may be something in it for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are feeling capable and confident at this time. Someone may be watching you, so you are best to do things according to the rules.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You often win the day by being creative and imaginative and doing things in your own inimitable fashion. Try a more conservative approach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Now is not the time to succumb to temptation of any kind. Focus on circumstances as they appear, and remember the commitments you've made.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can sur-

prise many of those around you with a new strategy that takes advantage of seemingly negative circumstances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll have the opportunity to lift yourself up into a new level of involvement—personally and professionally. Do so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) That which starts off with a bang is sure to keep you busy to the bitter end. You will want to guard against too much personal sacrifice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may feel as though you're doing more for your team than any other member of the group. Indeed, your efforts pay off more dramatically.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a good day for sharing those secret thoughts with your most special friend or companion. He or she understands you quite well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone is likely to offer you a challenge you cannot turn down. Soon, you may find yourself wishing you had resisted, however.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Even the slightest miscalculation can set you back. You must take care you don't take on more than you can handle on your own.



Fans frolic at a Rolling Stones concert at the Altamont Speedway today in 1969. Four people died during the show, including one stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

Today in History

1884 Army engineers complete construction of the Washington Monument.

1923 A presidential address is broadcast on the radio for the first time as President Coolidge speaks to a joint session of Congress.

1969 A free concert by the Rolling Stones at the

Altamont Speedway in Livermore, Calif., is marred by the deaths of four people, including one who is stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

1973 House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford is sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

1996 Stock markets around the world plunge after comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan are taken to mean that U.S. stock prices are too high.

LOOK out People



RENE MAGRUM/AP

She won't say which type of cancer it is.

RECOVERY

Farah Doing Well

FARRAH FAWCETT has completed cancer treatment and is doing well. Fawcett, 59, wrapped up several weeks of treatment after being diagnosed recently with the disease and going through chemotherapy, said publicist Mike Pingel. "Her spirits are high, she's feeling good ... her plans are to recover and take the time to heal." Pingel wouldn't disclose the type of cancer she had. (AP)

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That Was Some Pig



GEORGE CLOONEY's beloved potbelly pig, Max, has died. He was 19. Max, who lived at Clooney's Hollywood Hills home, died "peacefully" of natural causes on Friday, publicist Stan Rosenfield said Monday. "Max ... became a member of the family," Rosenfield said. "He was a big pig, as pigs go. I can't tell you how much he weighed." (AP)



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BIDDERS

'Daddy, Can I Wear It to Prom?'

The black Givenchy gown worn by **AUDREY HEPBURN** in the film "Breakfast at Tiffany's" sold at auction Tuesday for \$807,000. The price, paid by a telephone bidder, was almost six times the highest pre-sale estimate. The iconic garment had been expected to fetch between \$98,000 and \$138,000 as part of a sale of film and television memorabilia at Christie's auction house in London. Proceeds from the sale will go to the charity City of Joy Aid, which helps India's poor. (AP)

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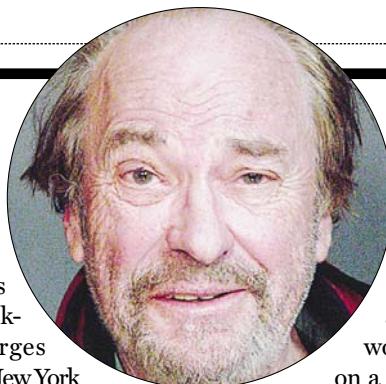
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MUG SHOTS

Nick Nolte's Safe, but Mel Should Watch Back

RIP TORN, who was acquitted of drunk-en-driving charges two years ago in New York City, was arrested again Monday in a city suburb after a collision, state police said. No one was hurt in the crash in North Salem, N.Y. The 75-



The squinting eye adds a special flavor of crazy.

year-old character actor refused a sobriety test and would be arraigned on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Torn's publicist said from Los Angeles that he had not heard from Torn and could not comment. (AP)



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That steel-reinforced table had had it in for Jackie since the first day of filming.

AILING

Aging Star Persists With Stunts, Pays Price

JACKIE CHAN re-injured his chest while filming a fight scene for "Rush Hour 3," but doctors said it wasn't a major injury. Chan, 52, injured his chest in March on the set of "Rob-B-Hood." This time, he was hit by a steel-reinforced wooden table. (AP)



We bet stars date normal people all the time in Canada.

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BOLD

Comic Actress Dares To Marry Non-Famous Man

"Scrubs" star **SARAH CHALKE** is now engaged to boyfriend Jamie Afifi, an entertainment lawyer, E! Online reported. Chalke, 30, and Afifi, 33, were vacationing in Hawaii when he proposed. It's the first marriage for the Canadian actress; the couple's been dating since 2003. (EXPRESS)



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Telemundo is hosting La Feria de la Familia (the Family Fair) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the DC Armory. The free event features performances by local music and dance acts, health screenings, prizes, drawings and a children's area with face painters, storytelling and games. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet some of Telemundo's local and international stars and visit booths showcasing businesses and organizations that serve families in the Washington area. For more details, call 703-820-8673.

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Metro Hires John B. Catoe as New General Manager

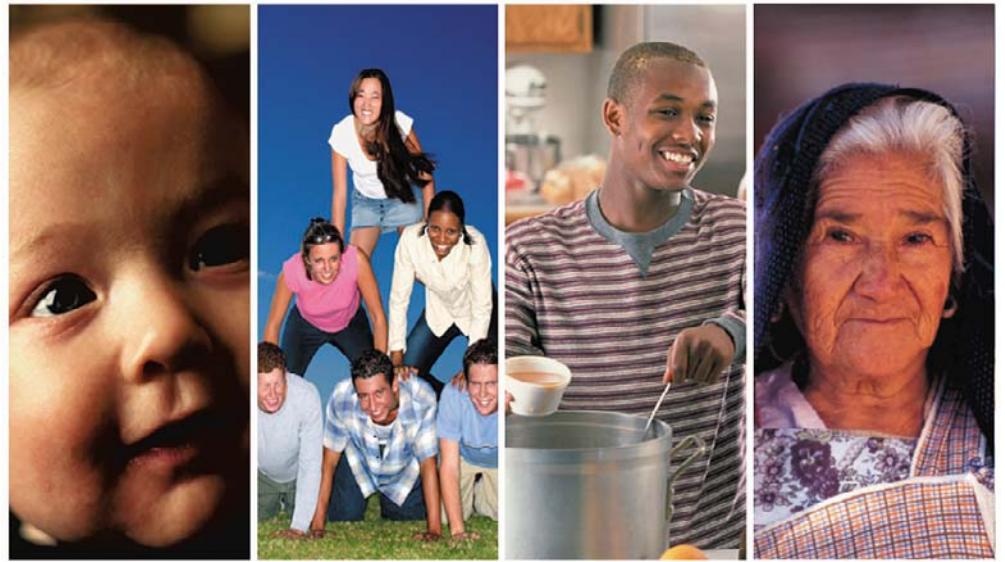
Metro's Board of Directors has selected John B. Catoe Jr. to lead the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority as its next General Manager in January 2007.

Catoe is currently the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a position he has held since 2001. A District of Columbia native and graduate of Springarn High School in Southeast Washington, D.C., Catoe returns to the region and joins Metro with 26 years of transit experience. He will take over as the eighth permanent General Manager in Metro's history and oversee the activities of nearly 10,000 employees, a \$1.2 billion annual operating budget and a \$3.3 billion six-year Capital Improvement Program.

At the Los Angeles County Metro, Catoe oversees more than 2,600 buses, three light rail lines, one heavy rail line and the motorist aid program, including the Freeway Service Patrol and highway call boxes. He also oversees the LA transit agency's planning, law enforcement, homeless assist program, safety and facilities.

He formerly worked as director of operations for the Orange County Transit District and as transportation department director for the City of Santa Monica.





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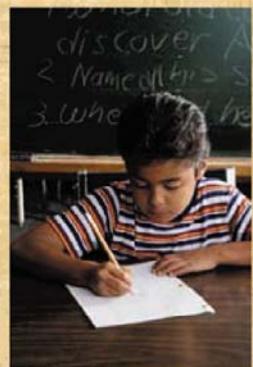
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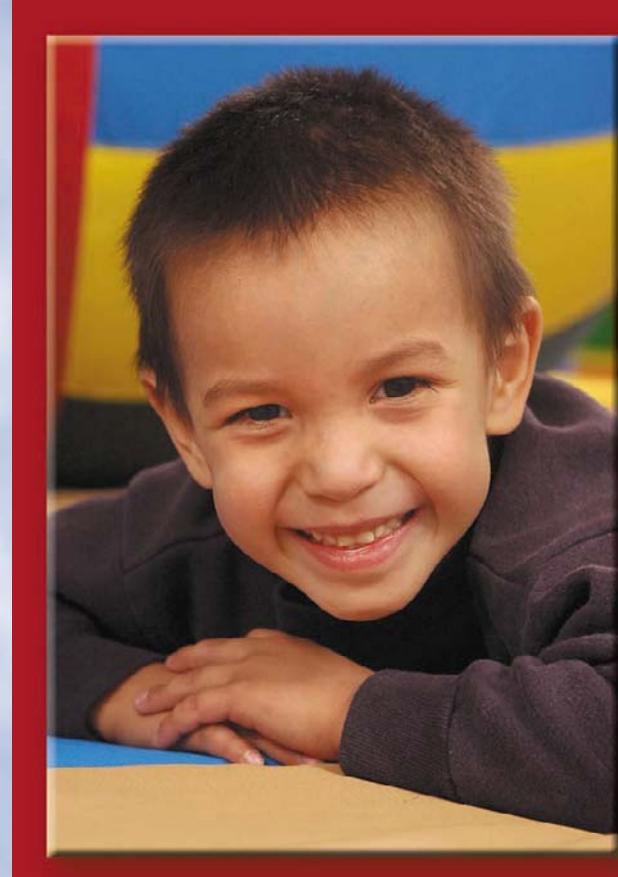
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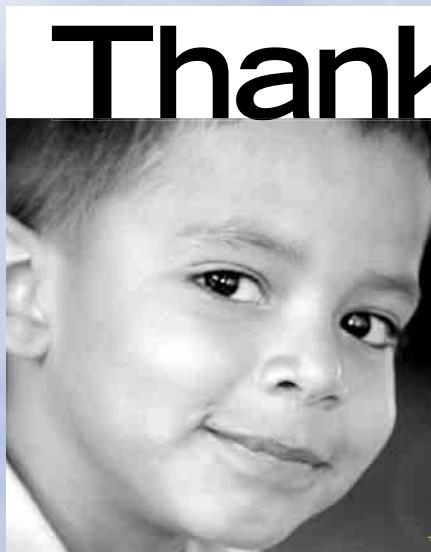
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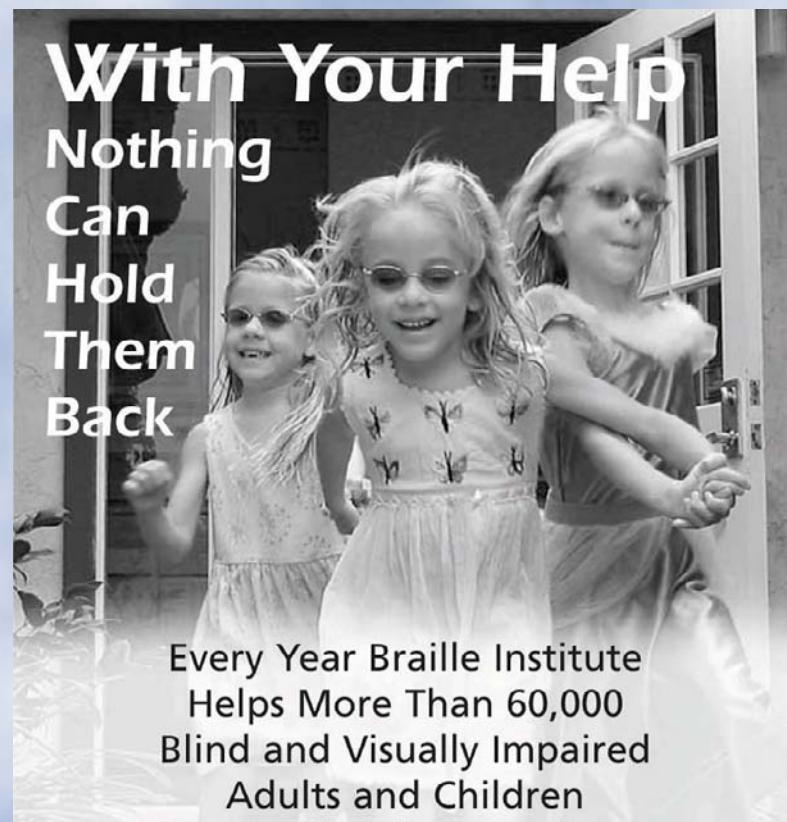
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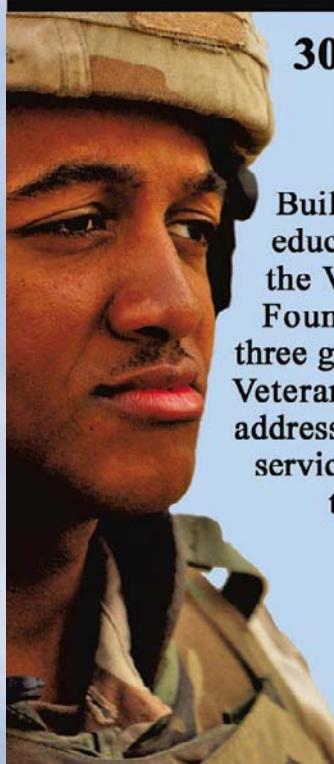
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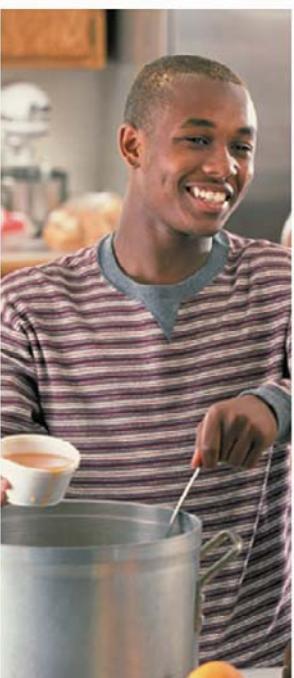
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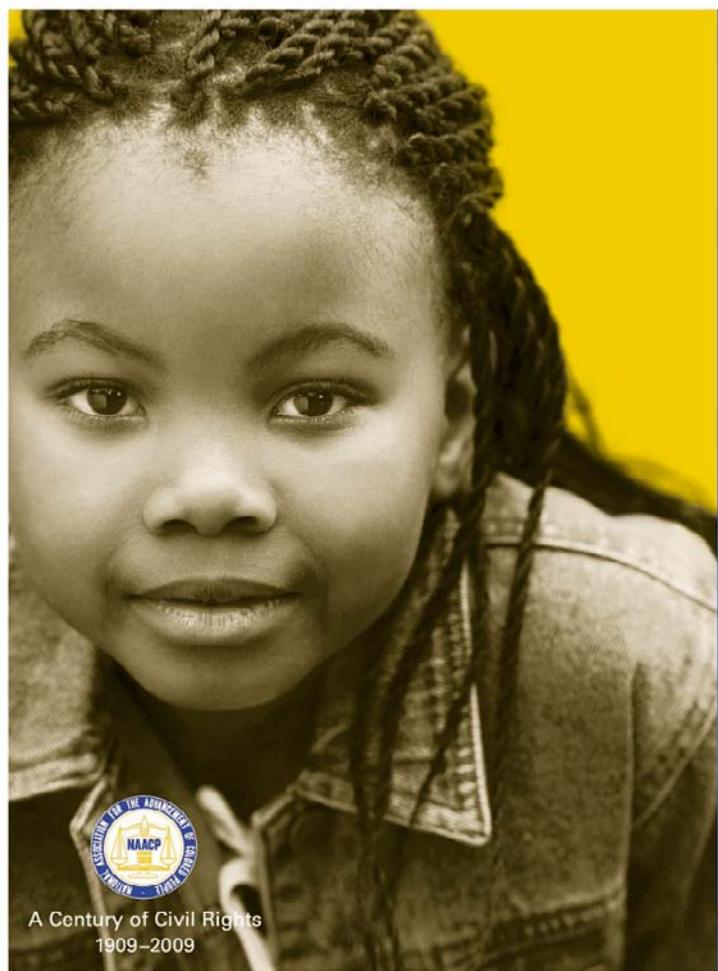


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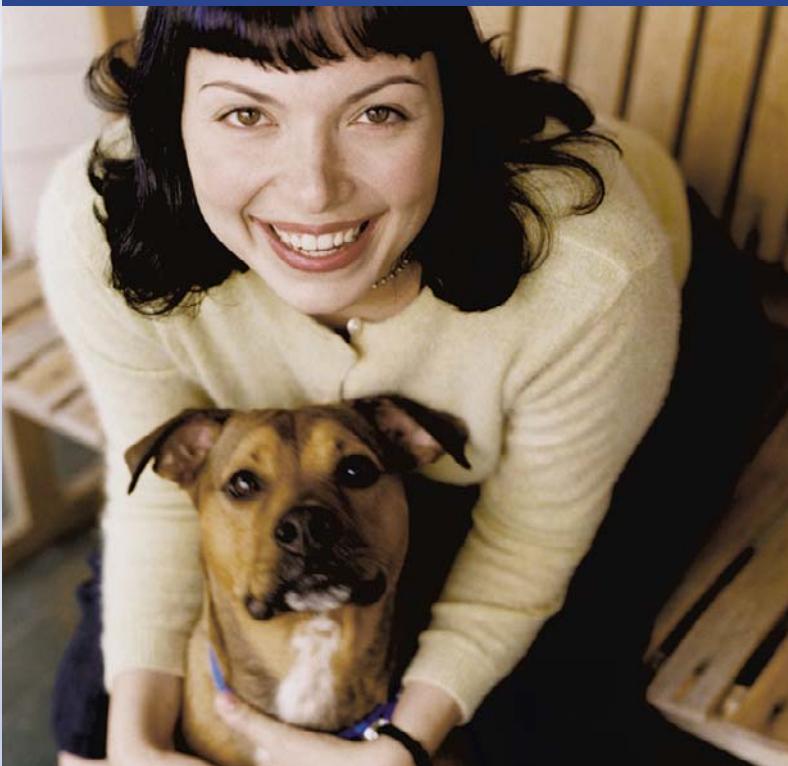


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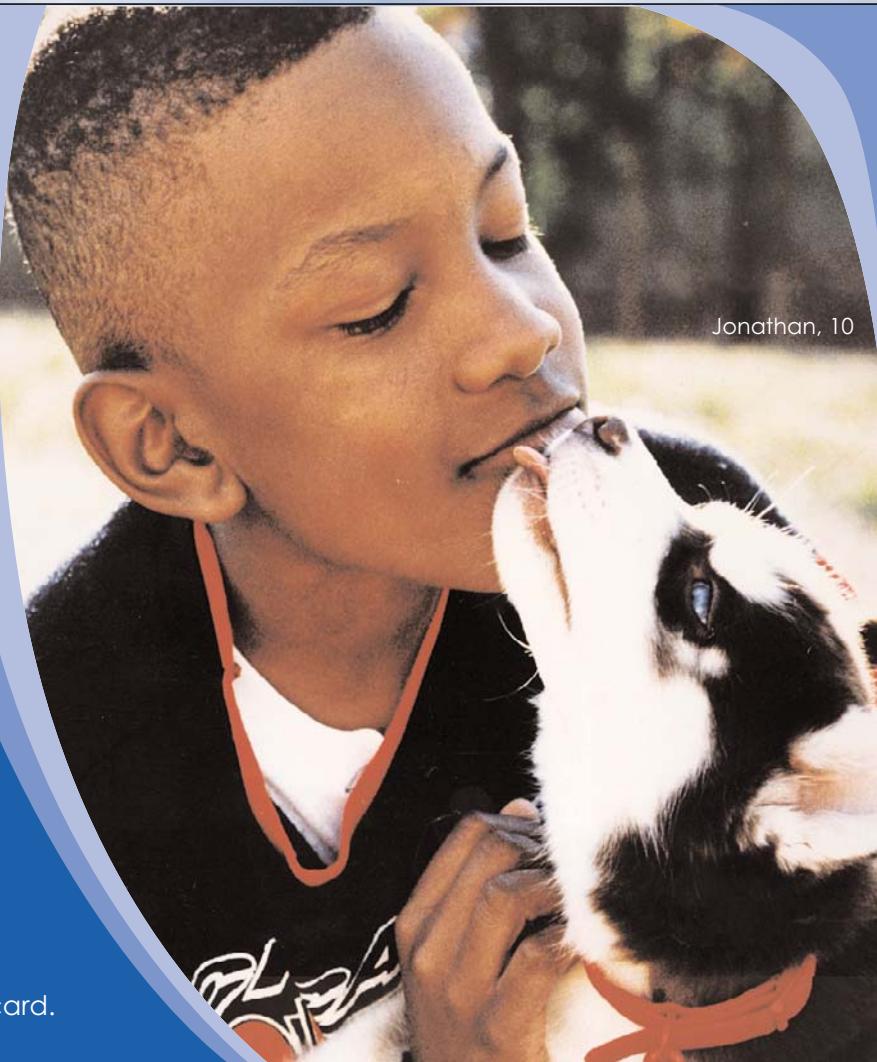
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